

**Spring-  
Summer  
2009**

**Your Guide to City Services and Events**

# Cudahy Newsletter

## A Message From Mayor Ryan McCue

I hope you are doing well. Most of us have been limiting our spending to essential items due to the current recession. The City of Cudahy is doing the same. We will continue to evaluate the services we provide to make sure we are doing them as efficiently and effectively as possible.

The 2009 City of Cudahy budget held the line on taxes while providing the vital services residents expect. The city's portion of the tax levy increased less than 2.5 percent, which was well below the rate of inflation, despite that the State of Wisconsin cut our shared revenue by over \$66,000.

I proposed combining our Public Works Manager/ Water Utility Manager with our City Engineer to create the position of Director of Public Works which saved taxpayers \$139,000. In addition, I proposed privatizing our assessor's office and laying off a part-time assessor which saved taxpayers \$136,000.

Recently, a circuit court judge approved Cudahy's foreclosure on the Ice Port property. Within 60 days of the judgment, Sportsites LLC can choose to pay Cudahy over \$34 million to get the land back. It is nice to finally put the Ice Port behind us and move forward.

In an effort to hold absentee landlords accountable for their properties, I sponsored an ordinance which will license rental units and require them to be inspected on a regular basis. My goal is to improve the quality of both rental units and their tenants. A \$36 per unit fee to be paid by the landlord will cover the costs of an additional building inspector and clerical staff.

Cudahy recently purchased the dilapidated houses on the 3500 block of Layton and Squire Avenue and will tear them down soon. These houses, which are in the heart of our downtown, were in such bad shape they had low rents, which attracted bad tenants. The houses, once a drain on city resources, will now be redeveloped to help revitalize the area.

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# Greetings from Mayor Ryan McCue

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I am extremely pleased to report that the City of Cudahy has hired Lara Fritts as our new Director of Economic Development. She is a seasoned veteran and has hit the ground running by creating an economic development work plan which includes the city's goals and objectives. Recently, she launched a new website [www.cudahy4business.com](http://www.cudahy4business.com) which will help improve communication between Cudahy and developers. This informative website is a work in progress and will continue to improve.

The City of Cudahy is committed to improving our downtown and neighborhoods. We recently approved a façade grant program for the downtown to improve the look of store fronts. This summer we will add hanging flowers to the light poles downtown, while continuing to improve the streetscape. Our Community Development Authority is also in the process of implementing a housing authority to help eliminate blight in our neighborhoods.

Cudahy is creating guidelines for development which will help improve the aesthetics of future developments. Since we did not have guidelines in the past, developers were able to cut corners and build substandard structures.

For over a year, the 2020 Comprehensive Master Plan Steering Committee has worked to create a vision for future development and land use within our community. If you would like to review the plan, please visit the City of Cudahy's website and click on the link at the bottom of the page. I believe that the best way to lower taxes is to grow the tax base, and that is what I have charged Ms. Fritts with doing.

When I first took office, Pick'n Save was seriously thinking about closing its Cudahy location, because they had only a few years left on their lease. I had numerous meetings with their representatives and helped persuade them to stay and remodel the store front.

The Cudahy Police Department is working hard to curb crime and keep our neighborhoods safe. The department is switching their vehicles to black and white so that they have a more visual presence in the community. Our K-9 unit, Ezzo, has paid dividends by sniffing out illegal drugs and providing additional security at crime scenes. We recently had Ezzo and other K-9 units search the Cudahy High School and, thankfully, nothing was found.

The City of Cudahy worked diligently to shut the Thirsty Moose tavern down through available legal channels. Having a liquor license in our city is a privilege not a right, and we will not tolerate unruly taverns. This tavern had been a serious drain on our law enforcement resources, which led to its eventual liquor license revocation.

Our city workers continue to do an excellent job. They are dedicated professionals driven to provide quality services. I am proud to serve as their leader and your mayor. I hope you enjoy the spring and summer. With the unpredictable weather this past winter, we have earned it.

If I can be of any service to you, please feel free to contact me directly at 769-2222 or send an email to: [mccuer@ci.cudahy.wi.us](mailto:mccuer@ci.cudahy.wi.us).

Sincerely,  
Ryan McCue, Mayor

## **WEEKLY GARBAGE CART COLLECTION REMINDERS**

All garbage must be placed inside the black cart provided by the City with the lid securely closed. Surplus garbage may be taken to the drop off site on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. It may also be picked up via special collection (for a fee).

Carts must be placed at the curb or alley line by **6 a.m.** on the day of collection. You may put them out the evening before if more convenient. Please make sure that carts are at least three (3) feet from any other object (including other carts) so that the arms of the truck can enfold the cart and dump your refuse. Please do not park your car within 20 feet of a cart placed out for collection.

Carts must be returned to your property as soon as possible following collection. They can not be stored on city right of way. Lid on carts must be completely closed. Refuse that is tightly packed into cart may not completely dump. Garbage that is not bagged and tied may cause unsightly litter when cart is dumped.

If you find a **violation tag** attached to your cart, please carefully read it to find out what action you need to take to resume refuse collection. If you need further information or have a question regarding garbage collection rules, please call our office at 769-2216. Chronic refuse violators will be subject to a charge.

If your garbage is missed, please call our office as soon as possible so that a crew may be sent back in a timely manner. If your garbage or recycling cart is damaged, please call 769-2216 to schedule the necessary repair. Crews are sent out every 7-10 days to repair/replace carts.

### **SPECIAL COLLECTIONS – CALL PUBLIC WORKS OFFICE AT 769-2216**

Any property owner may order a special collection for pickup of larger items during the year with the exception of the spring cleanup period. We will pick up furniture, appliances, carpeting, etc. The charge for these types of items is \$1/minute with a 15-minute (\$15.00) minimum and \$2.50/100 pounds for disposal. Property owners may order a special collection for larger items that will not fit in their garbage cart. Place your items at the alley or curb line and call 769-2216. The charge for clean dirt or concrete with no metal is \$50/load plus the time. The charge for concrete with rebar is \$60/load plus the time. Mixed loads are \$75/load plus the time.

Because all municipal billings are to owner of record, tenants must have their landlord order any special collections. Trash, refuse, furniture, appliances, etc. that have been adjacent to an alley or street for 4 or more days or have generated the issuance of an abatement order from the Inspection department will be picked up and billed **without notice** to the property owner as follows:

Cleanup by DPW after 4 days (no request for special collection): \$50.00 plus weight charge.

Cleanup after issuance of an abatement order: Actual DPW costs of labor and equipment or \$75.00 minimum fee.

***NO CONTRACTOR GENERATED WASTE WILL BE ACCEPTED.  
IF YOU HIRE SOMEONE TO DO THE WORK, THEN THEY MUST  
REMOVE ALL THE WASTE***

## RECYCLING TIPS

Residential recycling is provided every other week on the same day as regular garbage collection by Waste Management, 761-2100. Recyclables should be placed in the gray cart provided by the City. **Plastic bags are not recyclable.**

- **Paper, cardboard, magazines, and telephone books:** May be placed loose in the cart. Acceptable papers include junk mail, catalogs, notebooks, newspaper inserts, file folders, boxboard (cereal, cake or cookie boxes). No wax or plastic coated boxes. Cardboard should be in pieces no large than 3 ft. by 3 ft., broken down and placed in cart.
- **Aluminum:** Beverage containers only. No other aluminum products accepted.
- **Glass bottles and jars:** Green, brown and clear glass only. No window glass, pyrex, light bulbs, ceramics, kitchenware, or auto glass. Please remove lids.
- **#1 - #7 plastic:** No automotive product containers, blue PVC water bottles or plastic bags. Please remove caps and rinse. Labels do not need to be removed.
- **Tin or Bi-Metal containers:** Food containers only. Labels do not need to be removed. Please rinse.
- **Aerosol spray cans:** Any empty aerosol container may be recycled including paints, pesticides, etc. Make sure the can is empty.

If you have any questions about recycling, please call 769-2216. **Recycling is required by state law.** Periodically, City refuse collectors will be checking for recyclables in the garbage carts. **Failure to recycle could result in the loss of refuse collection services from the City.** Municipal code allows fines to be levied for repeat offenders.

**PLEASE DO NOT PLACE ANY GARBAGE IN RECYCLING CONTAINER.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!**



## RECYCLING DROP OFF HOURS

5631 South Pennsylvania Avenue

April 1 to October 1

Monday – 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday – 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Thursday – 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday – 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Proof of residency is required.

**CLOSED SUNDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY, AND HOLIDAYS**

## TRASH DROP OFF HOURS

Cudahy residents and property owners may drop off their trash at 5631 South Pennsylvania Avenue each Tuesday and Saturday only from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Proof of residency is required.



## SPRING CLEAN-UP IS COMING

Cudahy will soon be conducting its annual Spring Clean-up. Check your basement, attic, garage or yard or any items you would care to discard. Hazardous or toxic waste, paint, waste drain oil, fuel, lubricants or other liquids in containers or fuel tanks cannot be taken. This free pick-up is limited to fifteen (15) minutes of loading time. Please place your items at the alley or curb. Yard waste may be put out for the FREE Spring Clean-up. Branches left full length will also be collected. They must be placed at the curb parallel with the road. Yard waste must be bagged or boxed.

Items are collected by type of material (junk, brush, metals, etc.) with each truck handling just one type. As a result, your items may not all be collected at the same time.

Spring Clean-up will be done by Aldermanic district on the following dates:



**District III - Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**

**District IV - Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**District V - Thursday, April 30**

**District I - Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**

**District II - Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>**

**ORDERS FOR SPECIAL COLLECTIONS CANNOT BE TAKEN  
DURING SPRING CLEANUP**

Please call 769-2216 if you have any questions or need further information.

**PLEASE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE FREE SPRING CLEAN-UP  
AS IT IS THE ONLY FREE PICK-UP OF THE YEAR.**

### Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day

Cudahy Department of Public Works Foreman Allen Hendrickson wishes to inform all citizens that due to the Memorial Day holiday on Monday, May 25, 2009, the Independence Day celebrated on Monday, July 6th, and the Labor Day holiday on Monday, September 7, 2009, all garbage and recycling pick-ups will be delayed one day. The Monday route will be done on Tuesday. The Tuesday route will be done on Wednesday. The Wednesday route will be done on Thursday and the Thursday route will be done on Friday.

Please make sure your carts are out by 6 a.m. on the day of collection. If you have any questions regarding garbage pick-up, please call 769-2216. If you have any questions about residential recycling pick-up please call Waste Management at 761-2100. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Grass Clippings

Residents are reminded of the 1995 state law that makes disposal of grass clippings or other yard waste in the garbage illegal. We encourage you to leave the clippings on the lawn, use a mulching lawn mower, or to place clippings around your garden plants to help retain moisture. Residents may bring their garden waste and grass clippings to the drop off site during regular hours.

## Brush and Branches

All residents are eligible to receive five (5) free minutes of chipping time for branches and brush. After that time, there is a charge of \$1/minute with a 15 minute minimum charge (\$15). Please place branches at the **curb only** parallel to the street. Please call 769-2216 to order a brush collection.

**THERE IS NO FREE PICK UP TIME FOR YARD WASTE OR GRASS CLIPPINGS.**

**YARD WASTE IS ONLY PERMITTED IN THE CURB DURING THE FALL YARD WASTE PICK THE FIRST WEEK OF NOVEMBER.**

## **DID YOU GET A NEW CITY TREE PLANTED?**

If so, then your new tree will really appreciate being watered on a regular basis until it is established. Just a five-gallon bucket of water each week can be the difference between a lovely growing tree and a dead sapling. Residents with new trees are reminded that weed whackers should not be used around the trunk. The damage caused when the bark is stripped will kill the tree. If you have any questions regarding tree care or maintenance, then please call the city forester at 769-2216.

Thank you for your help and your cooperation! Cudahy is proud to be a Tree City USA.

## **DON'T WAIT TOO MUCH LONGER TO TRADE IN YOUR OLD GLASS THERMOMETERS!**

The Health Department still has a limited amount of free digital fever thermometers to give to Cudahy residents who trade in their old glass thermometers.

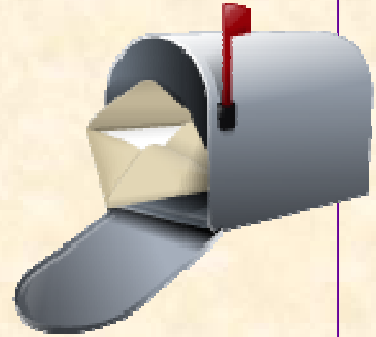
Just bring your thermometer in its original case or in a rigid plastic container or double-bagged in a sealable plastic bag to the Cudahy Health Department any Monday through Friday from 8AM to 5PM. This program is available to Cudahy residents only.



## Mailing Address and Mailing Name Changes



Every year when notices and tax bills etc. are mailed, the Assessor's Office receives many requests for corrections to be made to property records. We appreciate your help in updating databases and we are happy to make address corrections and for the purpose of directing mailed notices add a name to the attention line on your behalf. *However, our office is not able to change ownership of a property or make name changes due to marital status or deceased parties without a recording of a deed or corrective documents.* Please contact Milwaukee County Tax Listings for additional help with ownership/name changes at 414-278-4021



## Property Owners Should Note:

*When tax bills are received it's too late to appeal the property assessment* as the Board of Review has closed. The assessments cannot be changed at this time. However taxpayers with concerns regarding assessments are welcomed to contact the assessment office at 769-2207 for general assessment information or to arrange an appointment with the Assessor, who has office hours on Wednesdays.

## Access to Public Records and Property Data Information:

The Assessor's office is a busy place with phone calls and questions about tax statements and the assessment process. Property owners are apprehensive relating to the real estate market. Many concerns have been expressed about the current economic conditions and how it will affect property values and what impact it has on taxes. The Assessor's office updates information pertaining to sales and posts all information to its property record cards which is available online through our property search. The Assessment staff is continually in the process of maintaining property information. Taxpayers are important to the assessment process, and your communication with the Assessor's office is a vital part of us being able to provide the city residents with the best service possible. So to better serve you we offer informational pamphlets about the assessment process and also conveniently have public property information available to you. A public terminal is available during all business hours and is located at the Building Services counter for access to public records and property data. In addition, general information, property searches, and links are available on our web page at [www.ci.cudahy.wi.us](http://www.ci.cudahy.wi.us).

# Building Inspector

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## "Clean It Up & Keep It Clean" - Please

Starting this spring the City of Cudahy will be attacking unsightliness more aggressively than in the past. Cooperative efforts of the Department of Public Works, Police Department and Inspection Department will be focusing on junk, Junkers, tall weeds/grass, rubbish and debris. Proactive efforts will be put forth so that the amount of time these problematic issues exist, are reduced.

We don't expect these types of problems to go away permanently but it is expected that they will be addressed in a more timely fashion and at a greater expense to those persons responsible. The cost of elimination will be greater due to the fact that all abatements will occur outside of the normal work day, with the exception of emergencies.

This will benefit all those people who follow the rules in that city crews will focus 100% of their time on work they are hired to do, and not managing problems on private property.

Repeat offenders will be given no warning. We're going to "Write it up", "Clean it up", and bill you, all at your expense. Please "CLEAN IT UP" and KEEP IT CLEAN.

Problem	Phone #	Who To Call
Abandoned/Junk Vehicles	769-2260 x 0	Cudahy Police Department
Private Property Junk/Debris/Garbage	769-2211	Cudahy Inspection Department
City Property Junk/Debris/Garbage	769-2216	Cudahy Department of Public Works

## Health Department

### DOES YOUR HOME HAVE HIGH LEVELS OF RADON?

Radon is a radioactive gas released from the normal decay of uranium that is commonly found in the soil. It is an invisible, odorless, tasteless gas that can seep through a crack or hole in a buildings foundation and accumulate in a home. Radon decays quickly, giving off tiny radioactive particles. When inhaled, these radioactive particles can damage the cells that line a person's lungs. Long-term exposure can lead to lung cancer.

The Cudahy Health Department has a limited supply of Radon Test Kits, which are available **free**, to Cudahy Residents. Stop by the Cudahy Health Department between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM to receive a free Radon Test Kit

For more information, contact **Ed Wrench RN** at **769-2239 ext 306**.





## KNOW YOUR RIGHTS, A CONTRACTOR DOES

As property owners we may find our property is in need of some alteration or repair from time to time. This information is to provide guidance in accomplishing this in a manner which affords protection of your property and its occupants. Since 1914, Wisconsin Safe Building Act mandates safety requirements be complied with by the owner of a property. Thus, codes have been in effect in Wisconsin since 1914.

Ancient building codes were, in a way, much simpler than today's. As an example, in ancient Rome, a builder would be put to death should a building fail. Not too many scrolls in that code. Alas, we no longer do as the Romans, civilization has developed and populations are living closer and closer to one another. Codes evolved, allowing us to live together without endangering our neighbors, ourselves or future occupants of real estate, from fire or personal injuries.

We all may not know the technical and code requirements for an alteration we are contemplating, so often a home improvement contractor is hired. This "qualified person" serves as an agent to meet the minimum code requirements in areas of their expertise and certification. In most cases a customer is satisfied with the performance of the finished product and minimum safety code requirements are met, satisfying the law.

Sometimes we have problems. The improvement did not meet our expectations, through defects in material or workmanship, or failure to comply with minimum code requirements. 2005 Wisconsin Act 201 "The Right to Cure Law" requires the consumer and a contractor to take five chronological steps to resolve disputes and misunderstandings. This law must be followed by consumers and contractors related to residential construction and remodeling, prior to going to court or arbitration.

A publication produced by the Wisconsin Department of Commerce is available at their web site: <http://commerce.wi.gov/SBdocs/SB-UdcRightCureBrochureV4.pdf>. It is an outline of the Right to Cure law, it is not intended as a substitute for legal counsel. An informed consumer may be able to avoid unpleasant conflicts by accessing this information.

If resolution cannot be achieved via the Right to Cure Law procedure, the "Home Improvement Practices Code", ATCP 110 (Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection), which is adopted under the authority of s. 100.20(2) of State of Wisconsin Statutes, and administered by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (ATCP) may be applicable to a situation. Chapter ATCP 110 regulates issues such as; Prohibited Trade Practices, Building Permits, Warranties, Home Improvement Contract requirements, Preservation of buyer's claims and defenses, Contract cancellation, and Contract compliance. Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection may be found at the [www.datcp.state.wi.us](http://www.datcp.state.wi.us) website.



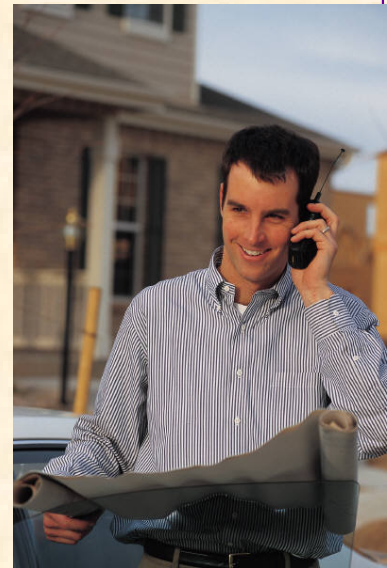
## Know Your Rights — A Contractor Does (cont.)



This information is being provided to protect you and your property. Make informed decisions about who you are allowing to work on your property and know your rights and obligations as a property owner / consumer.

Know your contractor:

- Are they certified in their trade, ask to see their credentials, make note of them.
- Are their sub contractors certified?
- Is every one working your property insured? Ask for certificates of insurance.
- Have you asked who is securing permits. Ask for copies or verify with City Hall that they have been issued.
- Read CAREFULLY any contracts you are signing, compare them to the above mentioned laws, if in doubt seek legal counsel. (See ATCP 110.05)
- Have you been provided warranties and instructions for any of the products installed?
- Has all contracted work been completed?
- Has the work passed all required inspections?



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## COMMON SENSE

Laws and ordinances are often created as a solution to a problem. Neighbors sometimes are unaware of actions they take affecting those around them. The city spends a lot of time and resources trying to rectify issues between neighbors. These are tax dollars spent dealing with common sense or courtesy issues, which, with a little communication, could be resolved without municipal intervention and expense.

One very common complaint handled by the city is sump pump and/or rain gutter discharges creating a nuisance to an adjoining property. Some people are aware of dealing with clear water, water not requiring treatment by the sewage treatment plant, to the point some actually take advantage of this resource. Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewage District (MMSD) offers suggestions in using this water and disseminating into the ground. Keeping clear water out of the sewage system reduces the costs of treatment for all of us.

Positive community building can occur when we talk to our neighbor and workout solutions to a water problem. Take advantage of rain gardens, rain barrels, French drain systems and grading. Use the water as a resource, rather than fighting the water; is there a way to use it on your property to your advantage? We have had whole neighborhoods work together to resolve common water issues to everyone's benefit.

The last resort is let "big brother" handle it, these are the ordinances which can be enforced at all of our expense.



### **15.125 RAIN GUTTER DOWNSPOUTS AND EXTENSIONS.**(Cr. #1785)

Downspouts shall not be extended more than 6 feet from any building. All extensions shall be directed to the front and/or rear of the building and discharges in a manner so as not to create a nuisance to adjoining properties. Any exceptions to the above must be granted by the plumbing inspector in writing.

### **15.13 SUMP, SUMP PUMPS AND SUMP PUMP**

#### **DISCHARGE.**(Rep. & recr. #1785)

- (1) **SIZE AND DESIGN.** All sumps installed for the purpose of basement drainage and receiving clear wastes shall be at least 18 inches in diameter and 24 inches deep.
- (2) **CLEAR WATER DRAINS.**
  - (a) All sump pumps installed for the purpose of discharging clear waters from foundation drains and ground infiltration, where the plumbing fixtures in the building are connected to a sanitary sewer and where the building is not serviced by a storm sewer, shall be discharged onto the ground not more than 6 feet out from the building and one foot above the permanent grade. The sump discharge pipe shall be on the front and/or back of the building, no closer than 3 feet to the corner of the building and be located in such a manner that the water shall be discharged in a manner so as not to create a nuisance to adjoining properties. Where storm sewer is available sump discharge must be connected to it.
  - (b) Corner building shall discharge on the sides of the buildings parallel with the street, alley or other public way. No thread or fitting shall be in the sump discharge pipe exposed on the outside of the building.
  - (c) Any exceptions to the above must be granted by plumbing inspector in writing.





## Cudahy Family Library

3500 Library Drive  
Phone: (414) 769-2244  
[www.cudahyfamilylibrary.org](http://www.cudahyfamilylibrary.org)

### Storytime at the Library!

Storytimes are packed with stories and activities just right for your growing child. No registration required for any of the activities. However, caregivers are required to attend with younger children.

Siblings and families are welcome! Come and join the fun!

*For dates and times call 769-2244, visit the website or stop in and pick up a flyer!*

### Babies & Toddlers & Books

Ages birth—36 months.

A special time to read and sing with our youngest friends!

### Evening Babies & Toddlers & Books

Ages birth—36 months. Stories and fun for everyone!

### Preschool Storytime

Ages 3 & 4 years old. Come read and rhyme with us!

### Evening Preschool Storytime

Ages 3, 4, & 5 years old. Come read and rhyme with us!

### Events for Teens at the Library!

Movie nights, Live Clue Games, Book Giveaways, Yogalattes, Makeovers...these are just a few of our recent Teen Only programs at the CFL.

Current happenings are constantly updated at [www.MySpace.com/CudahyLibraryTeens](http://www.MySpace.com/CudahyLibraryTeens) and on our facebook profile "Cudahy TAB." Send us a friend request today!

## UPCOMING LIBRARY PROGRAMS

March 27 at 11:30am, and again April 21 at 6:30pm: **An Education for Them – Tax Savings for You** – Are you unsure whether or not you should be saving up for your children to go to college? Come to this well-informed session in which you will be informed of your children's education funding options. Create a strategy that will give your children a higher education and will allow for maximum tax savings for you. Presented by Michael P. Franks. Free of charge.  
Thursdays, April 23-May 21 from 1:00-2:30pm: **Digital Cameras: Images and Your Computer** – This 5 week class is for those interested in using digital images and cameras and their computer. Learn to enhance email, print out images, and more. This is also a great class for those thinking of getting a digital camera. Presented by Peggy Henning, Lakeshore Photography. **\$25 fee.**

July 15 at 6:00 pm: **Anatomy of a Trial: An Insider's View of the Trial That Shaped the century and How Media Coverage shaped Public Perception then and Now**—Hear from author Jerrienne Hayslett who was the Los Angeles Superior Court media liaison for the People vs O.J. Simpson trial. The trial had profound effect on the court and the public's understanding of the judicial system. Ms. Hayslett's intriguing book will be available and she will be happy to sign her book. **Free to the public.**

**For directions and registration, please call the library at 414-769-2244.**



## Accessing Cudahy Family Library Business Databases from Your Home or Office Computer

### Available databases:

**EBSCOHost** magazine and journal articles (includes Business Source, Corporate ResourceNet, and Regional Business News collections)

**ProQuest** newspaper articles

**Reference USA** detailed information on US businesses & residences

**Standard & Poor's NetAdvantage** a comprehensive source of business and investment information

### Getting started:

Log onto the CountyCat website <http://countycat.mcfls.org>

Click on the "Databases" link



In the "choose your residence" box, select Cudahy

Choose your database and enter your library card number when prompted



# CUDAHY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Station #1 769-2231  
4626 S. Packard Ave.

Station #2 769-2233  
3115 E. Ramsey Ave.

## Understanding What You Can Do With Your Basement

The basement in many homes is that underused space that accumulates all of the items that have no other place to go. Other people will finish off the space to use it for an additional living area. The rule of thumb for storing items is pretty simple: If you haven't used an item in two years, it should be safe to dispose of it. If throwing items away is difficult, consider websites such as [craigslist.com](http://craigslist.com), or donating to Project Concern or Goodwill. Clutter is more than an eyesore, it is a fire hazard.

Cudahy Fire Prevention Code and Building Code are very clear about what you can do with this space: A family room, a rec room, or other space of a temporary nature. The use of a basement for a bedroom is not allowed **UNLESS** certain things are done. One of the biggest is to ensure **each** room used for sleeping has a secondary means of exit, namely a window that is no higher than 40 inches from the sill to the floor, and is large enough to accommodate an exit. There are many specifics in the code that must be understood. To be compliant with the code, please speak with a Fire Inspector. **Do not use a basement as a bedroom without the proper exits!**

## Spring Forward! Change Batteries

With the changing of the clocks, it is also time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors. Make sure the unit operates when you depress the test button. If the unit is older than ten years, or you have no idea how old it is, time to replace the unit. New units have a ten year lithium battery. Ensure there is a smoke detector on every level of your home, as well as at the door of every bedroom. The best location is on the ceiling, at least 12 inches from any corner.

## Outdoor Fireplaces

There is always some confusion with the outdoor fireplaces. If you purchase a commercially available outdoor fireplace, follow the manufacturer's instructions; DO NOT overload the fireplace, and NEVER leave it unattended while a fire is burning. Have a garden hose turned on, close by with a flow control nozzle. Keep the unit as far away from anything that can burn, as well as away from your house and garage or shed. If the neighbors complain about smoke, it is your responsibility to correct the problem, usually by extinguishing the fire. Use only dry firewood, never use construction scraps or pressure treated wood as these refuse items give off cancer causing chemicals in the smoke. Fully extinguish the fire when done enjoying it, make sure to stir the ashes after fully drenching it with water.

## WANTED: FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMORABILIA

The Cudahy Fire Department is looking for any items that, at some point in time, were associated with the Cudahy Fire Department. We are trying to create an historical display covering the last century of dedicated service and technical innovation. Any items that you have that you would like to donate would be welcome. Please contact us at 414-769-2231 or at [cudahyfire@ci.cudahy.wi.us](mailto:cudahyfire@ci.cudahy.wi.us) to let us know what treasures you would like to contribute. Thank you.

## Cudahy Fire Department

### Public Education and Community Relations

The Cudahy Fire Department offers public education and safety tips on a wide variety of issues. From fire extinguisher training for our industries to fire safety talks for our senior residents. If you would like a Public Education and Community Relations Specialist to visit your company or organization please contact the Cudahy fire Department coordinator @ 414 769-2233.



## The Cudahy Police Patch

Officer Thomas P. Livesey designed the Cudahy Police Patch. Officer Livesey is an avid military patch collector and a Navy veteran. Officer Livesey has been in law enforcement for 9 years and with the Cudahy Police Department for 3 years. He took on the project of developing the new patch in June of 2007. After several attempts, it was decided by Officer Livesey and the Cudahy Police Department that this patch would be adopted. The new patch was adopted for use on September 18, 2008.

"POLICE" is boldly written across the top of the patch to clearly identify the wearer. "CUDAHY" and "WISCONSIN" designates the City and State of the jurisdiction of the agency.

"SINCE 1906" designates the year that the Cudahy Police Department was created as we know it today. This is the year that Cudahy was incorporated as a City.

The motto in the banner is "To Protect and to Serve". It is written in Latin, "Protegere et Servire". The motto "To Protect and to Serve" was introduced by the Los Angeles Police Department in 1955. It has since become a recognizable motto for law enforcement.

The main color of the patch is blue which is a color long associated with law enforcement. Blue stands for firmness, truth and loyalty. The gold in the patch represents generosity, excellence and elevation of the mind. The white is for peace, sincerity, knowledge and training.

The shield signifies a defender and is symbolic of the police badge.

In ancient heraldry, the bend is a broad diagonal band across the shield, which signifies defense or protection and is a bearing of high honor. The black and white pattern of the bend signifies the difference between right and wrong. It also signifies the covert and overt operations of law enforcement and the day and night vigilance of the men and women of the Cudahy Police Department.

The sword is the symbol of service, preparedness, vigilance, liberty and strength.

The eagle is a symbol of action, speed in apprehension, noble nature, strength, bravery, guardianship and vigilance.

The diamonds are a symbol of honesty, consistency and persuasion. There are three to signify the Police, Dispatch and Administrative components of the Police Department. They form an arrow to represent readiness for duty and defense. The arrow symbolizes a high level of training, dexterity and nimbleness of wit. People with these traits are able to analyze and understand complicated problems and are able develop and implement solutions. The leading entity changes based on the current challenge being faced and one exists to support the other.





## Know the Law-Don't Wait Until It Is Too Late!!

State of Wisconsin in an effort to protect the health of all school aged children passed legislation that mandates immunizations for attendance in all Wisconsin private and public schools.

According to state law, children that are missing immunizations or have an incomplete record of receiving the required immunizations face **mandatory** exclusion from school if a vaccine preventable disease is identified in the Cudahy school district.

Parents with children who have incomplete or missing immunization information are reported to the Milwaukee County District Attorney for failure to comply with the Wisconsin Student Immunization Law.

Don't risk the health of your children by *breaking the law*; comply with your child's school request for immunization information in a timely matter.

## Jump into Action to Protect your Child

Student immunization requirements are changing for the 2009-10 school year. ALL children in **grades K5, 1, 6, 7** and **12** *without* history of chicken pox will be required to have a second dose of varicella vaccine. By the 2013-14 school year, all grades K5-12 will be included in this requirement.

In addition, ALL children in **grades 6, 7, 9, 10** and **12** will be required to have a dose of Tdap for the 2009-10 school year to protect children against tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (whooping cough). In the 2010-2011 school year, all children in **grades 6-12** are included in this requirement.



Contact your child's doctor or the Cudahy Health Department-**769-2239**-to schedule your child's appointment **before** the beginning of the 2009-10 school year.

## Don't wait to vaccinate!





## Beat the Heat

Summer's warmth and sunshine are enjoyable, but too much of a good thing can lead to heat related illness. When temperatures rise follow these prevention tips:

- **Drink more fluids** (nonalcoholic). Keep in mind that very cold beverages can cause stomach cramps
- **Avoid drinking liquids that contain alcohol or large amounts of sugar.** These can cause your body to lose more body fluids.
- **Stay indoors**, preferably in air conditioning. If your home doesn't have air conditioning, go to a mall, a public library or other "cool spot". Call 286-3616 for a listing of cool spots in your area.
- **If you must be outdoors,**
  1. Try to rest often in shady areas
  2. Limit activity to morning and evening hours
  3. Protect yourself with a wide brimmed hat, and SPF15 or greater.
- 4. **Use fans.** When temperatures rise to 90 degrees or more, you will also need to practice other cooling tips.
- 5. **Take a shower or bath.**
- 6. **Wear lightweight, light colored, loose-fitting clothing.**
- 7. **Never leave anyone or an animal in a closed, parked vehicle.**
- 8. **When temperatures rise, check on high risk people at least daily.** People who are more at risk for heat related illness include:
  - infants and young children
  - people 65 years and older
  - people with mental illness
  - people who are physically ill (especially heart or lung disease)
  - people on certain medications, such as psychiatric drugs, antidepressants, medications for Parkinson's disease, some antihistamines, anti-diarrhea medications.
- **Know the signs of heat related illness which require immediate medical attention**
  1. heavy sweating
  2. muscle pains or spasms
  3. rapid breathing
  4. rapid pulse
  5. confusion or grogginess

## ATTENTION PARENTS!



### Lead Hurts      Lead Poisons Lead Effects

*\*Nervous system\* Kidneys \*Hearing\* Learning \* Language\*  
\*Behavior \*Speech\* Muscles\* Bones\* Growth\* Coordination\**

The Cudahy Health Department offers a Program to help  
Prevent Lead Poisoning in our Community;

### **“Healthy Babies in Healthy Homes”**

*Was the home you are living in built before 1950?*

*Are you pregnant?*

*Do you have children age 6 or younger?*

We can assess your home and provide information  
To help keep your family safe from the harmful effects of Lead.

**Protect yourself and your children.  
Call us to schedule an appointment.**

**769-2239 Ext. 304**



*City of Cudahy  
Earthday  
Arborday  
Citywide  
Cleanup  
Saturday*



*April 25<sup>th</sup>*

*TREE PLANTING*

*CEREMONY*

*Cudahy City Hall*

*Noon*

5050 S. Lake Drive

Call 234-8115 for Info

Soda, Hot dogs, Chili, Seedlings





## Play Time!

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each Month

10:15 AM to 11:15 AM

Cudahy Family Library    Ladish Room.

*Open to all children up to age 6  
accompanied by their parent or caretaker.*

This play group is facilitated by teachers and therapists  
with occasional guest speakers.

Children don't come with instructions!

The professionals can offer advice and answer your questions.

**NO REGISTRATION IS NECESSARY. COME JOIN THE FUN!**

Sponsored by the St. Stephens Family Life Center, Curative Care Network, and the  
Cudahy Health Department.



**To volunteer, please call the  
Cudahy–St. Francis Interfaith Program for Older  
Adults at 414-483-4474.**

**Your time and help will make a great difference in  
the lives of our older neighbors.**

**Be a "Helping Hand". You will be glad you did!**





**Jerry Ponec, Board of Health Chairman,  
Carol Wantuch, Health Officer & Robert  
Harris, Wisconsin Division of Health**

## **DID YOU KNOW THAT THE CUDAHY HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS A LEVEL III AGENCY?**

Every 5 years, the Wisconsin Department of Public Health audits each of the health departments in the State to assure that the health department fulfills the requirements of the State law. In 2005, the Department of Public Health determined that the Cudahy Health Department was a Level III agency.

So what does the Cudahy Health Department do for the City as a Level III agency?

- Provide public health nursing services for individuals & families
- Assess the health of the City & help to develop a plan to improve the health of the City
- Prevent & control communicable disease such as measles & whooping cough
- Provide a variety of services to promote health
- Abate human health hazards
- Provide an environmental health program which includes licensing, investigation and enforcement of environmental rules
- Help our residents access medical care through BadgerCare applications, free mammograms for financially eligible women, regularly scheduled Public Health Nursing clinics are several Cudahy senior housing centers & helps support the Packard Avenue Free Clinic
- Provide WIC (Women, Infant, Children) nutrition program for over 2300 financially eligible recipients
- Offer blood lead testing for appropriate children and assesses homes built before 1955 for the presence of lead dust to help prevent blood lead poisoning
- Participate in public health preparedness training for response to public health emergencies such as disease outbreaks
- Offer a variety of immunizations for children and adults
- Assure that larvicide is applied to over 1500 Cudahy catch basins to prevent breeding mosquitoes that could cause West Nile Virus
- Offer pregnancy testing and pregnancy follow-up for Cudahy women
- Promote injury prevention through a child passenger safety seat program, a bicycle helmet program and a pedestrian safety program
- Promote a smoke-free Wisconsin through participation in the South Shore Tobacco Free Coalition activities.

## SPRING MAKE OVER — GOOD HEALTH HABITS

Women, are you busy taking care of your family, juggling schedules, and work? Now is the time to give yourself a women's health makeover and take the time for your special health care needs.



Follow these recommendations for routine women's health care:

- Learn breast self-exam and do it every month.
- Have a clinical breast exam (CBE) by your health care provider. Women 20-40 should get an exam every 1-2 years. Women 40 and older should have a CBE every year.
- Get a mammogram at age 40. Women 40-49 should have a mammogram every 1-2yrs. Women 50 and older should have a mammogram every year.
- See your health care provider right away if you find a lump or other change with your breasts.

Have your first Pap test and pelvic exam when you become sexually active or at age 21. Healthy women with normal pap smears and pelvic exams should have a pap smear and pelvic exam every 1-3 years.

Cudahy Women, you may qualify for a **FREE** mammogram, pap smear, & pelvic exam if you:

- Meet age requirements
- Have no health insurance or a high deductible
- Meet income guidelines



If you would like more information on  
breast health, or are interested  
in the  
**Wisconsin Women's Cancer Control  
Program (WWCCP)**,  
call the **Cudahy Health Department**  
at **769-2239 ext. 302**



Cudahy Lions Club presents...

# Sweet Apple-Wood



## FESTIVAL



## JULY 31 AUG 1-2

### **FRIDAY – Opens at 3pm.**

3:30-7:30 Larry Lynne & the Skunks

7:30-11:30 Six Pack

*Fish Fry*

*4 pm*

### **SATURDAY - Craft Fair 10<sub>am</sub>. Car Show 1pm.**

1:00-4:00 Dave Fitzpatrick Band

4:00-8:00 Doo-Wop Daddies

8:00-11:30 Rhythm Method

*Southwoods*

*Rib Dinner*

*4 pm*

### **SUNDAY – Polka Mass 11<sub>am</sub>. Raffle drawing at 5pm.**

11:00-2:00 Jeff Winard Band

2:00-5:30 The Britons

5:30-8:00 Pat McCurdy

*BBQ Chicken*

*Noon*

**Carnival Rides! Wristband Specials! GAME TENT! Raffles!**

**Brats-Corn-Nachos-Hotdogs-Burgers**

**MILLER BEER – BLACK BEAR SODA**

**Rain or shine. Asphalt grounds. Bike parking. ATM.**

## SECONDHAND SMOKE: NO SAFE AMOUNT

### LET'S CLEAR THE AIR.

#### Secondhand smoke isn't just an annoyance

- Secondhand smoke contains the same cancer-causing chemicals that smokers inhale; even brief exposure is harmful.
- Adult exposure to secondhand smoke has immediate effects on the cardiovascular system & causes long-term health problems like heart disease & lung cancer.
- Secondhand smoke irritates your skin, eyes, nose & throat.
- Because their bodies are still developing, the poisons in smoke especially hurt children.

#### No amount of secondhand smoke is safe

- Being in a smoky room for even a short time (15-30 minutes) causes changes in the stickiness of blood, increasing risk for a heart attack.
- Exposure can trigger respiratory symptoms, including coughing, phlegm build-up, wheezing & breathlessness.
- Breathing in secondhand smoke at home or work increases the risk of developing heart disease & lung cancer by 20 – 30%.



**South Shore  
Tobacco Free Coalition**

CUDAHY • OAK CREEK • SOUTH MILWAUKEE • ST. FRANCIS

#### Ways you may breathe secondhand smoke & not even know it

- Sitting in a room with “smoking” & “no smoking” sections, even if your area doesn't smell smoky.
- Riding in a car while someone else is smoking, even if the window is open.
- Being in a house where people are smoking, even if you are in another room.
- Working in a restaurant, warehouse or building that allows smoking inside, even if there is a filter or ventilation system,

#### Protect yourself & others from secondhand smoke

- Make sure your home, car and workplace are smoke-free.
- Support smoke-free public places.
- Ask people not to smoke around you or your children.

**SHARE YOUR STORY ABOUT  
SECONDHAND SMOKE AT: [MYSMOKEFREESTORY.COM](http://MYSMOKEFREESTORY.COM)**

DOWNLOAD A SET OF TIP CARDS TO HELP KEEP BUSINESS OWNERS AWARE OF THE DANGER OF  
SECONDHAND SMOKE.

Information for this fact sheet came from The Health Consequences of Involuntary Exposure to Tobacco Smoke: A Report from the Surgeon General, 2006. This resource was created by the Tobacco Control Resource Center for Wisconsin - [www.tobwis.org](http://www.tobwis.org)

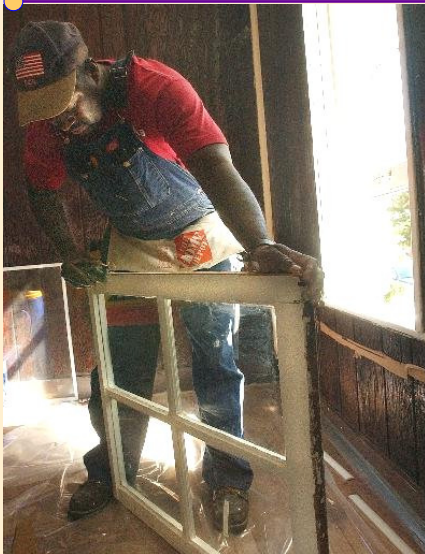


**Abused children are innocent victims.**



**Call 911 immediately if you witness abuse or neglect in progress.**

**Contact the Bureau of Child Welfare to report abuse or neglect;  
220-7233.**



**Remodeling?  
Was your house built before 1955?  
Look Out For Lead!**

Lead can be found in old paint, stains, and varnishes.

Before you remodel, get the facts!

The Cudahy Health Department is offering a

**"Lead Safe Work" Class.**

**Saturday, June 7, 2008**

**8:00 AM to 5:00 PM**

The class will be held at the Health Department and  
will be taught by the Milwaukee Lead and Asbestos  
Information Center.

The class will be **FREE** to the ***first 5 residents/homeowners*** who register.

This is normally a \$250 class.

Call **769-2239 Ext. 304** for more information and to register.



## LICENSING

- The license year commences on January 1 and ends on December 31. All licenses expire on December 31 of the year in which they were issued.
- Licenses are available at the City of Cudahy Treasurer's Office
- Cost is: \$24.00 (if intact) OR \$12.00 (if neutered/spayed or becomes 5 months old after July 1)
- **BEWARE!** There is a \$5.00 late fee if the owner fails to obtain a license by March 31 of each year, before the pet reaches six (6) months of age, or within thirty (30) days of Cudahy residency.
- Pet owners must offer proof of rabies vaccination for licensing.
- All dogs and cats becoming five (5) months of age after March 31 are required to be licensed within thirty (30) days, or before reaching the age of six (6) months. This includes all animals that never go outside.
- The license tag shall be attached to a collar and this collar shall at all times be kept on the dog or cat for which the license is issued.
- License fee is determined by the State of Wisconsin, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, and the City of Cudahy.

The maximum number of both dogs and cats over the age of five (5) months kept on any one property or dwelling unit shall be limited to a total of three (3) unless an additional Pet Fancier's license is granted. A Pet Fancier's license requires a property inspection and includes additional fees.

Please call 414-769-2204 for more details.

## MISCELLANEOUS REGULATIONS

- Dogs and cats shall be maintained in a clean, healthy, and sanitary environment.
- Neither dogs nor cats shall be permitted to run at large, and when leashed, the leash may not exceed ten (10) feet in length.
- Frequent or habitual noises by either dogs or cats may be considered a nuisance and are prohibited.

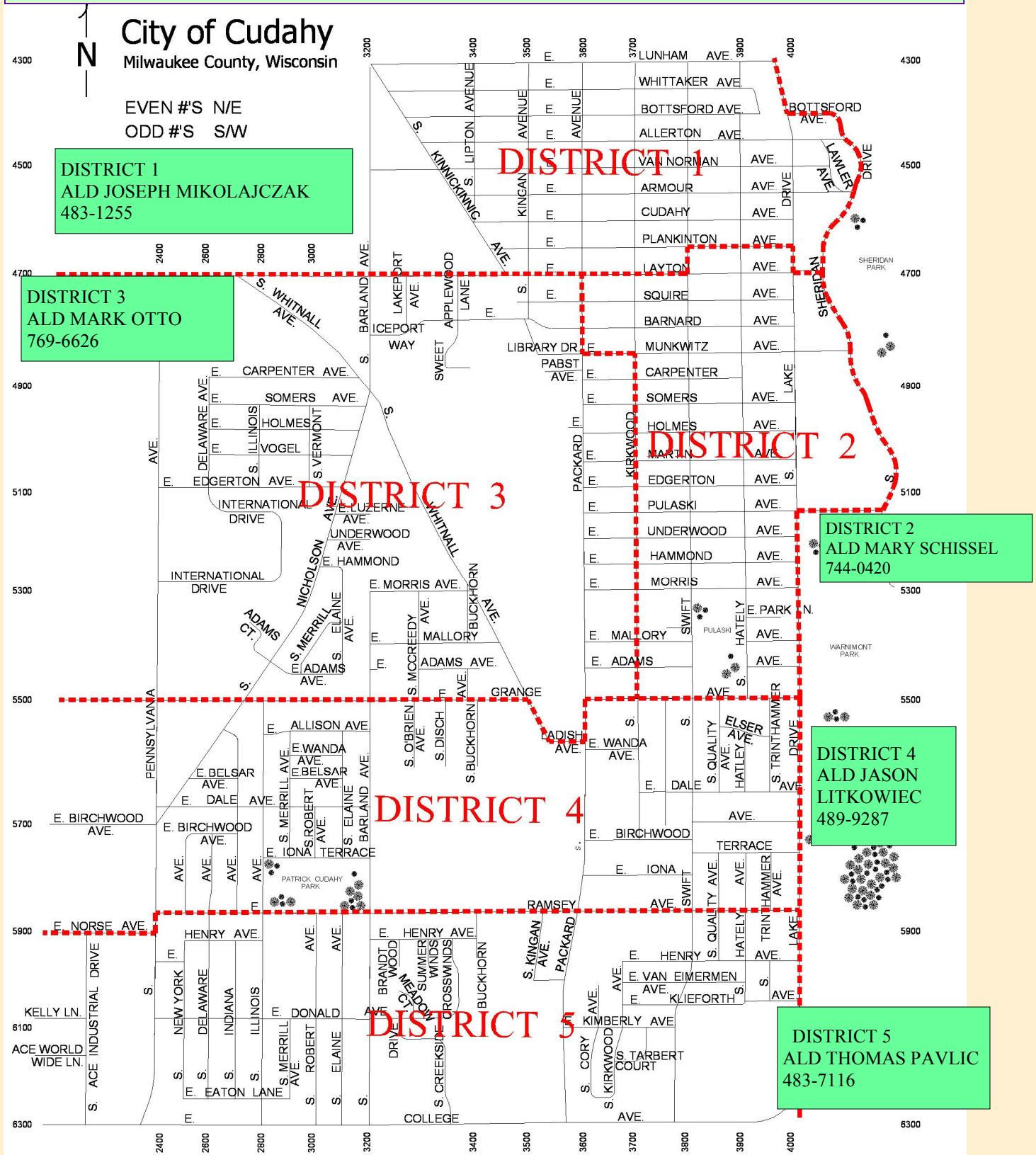
The owner or walker of either a dog or cat shall carry a feces scoop and shall be responsible for its acts on either public or private property and is required to clean up said property immediately.

Penalties for violation of the above laws are set forth in the Cudahy Municipal Code. This list merely summarizes some of the existing laws. For further details or interpretations of existing laws, contact the City of Cudahy Treasurer's Office at 414-769-2204.



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# Telephone Directory

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## AGING, DEPARTMENT ON

(60 AND OLDER)

General Information..... 289-6874  
TDD (for hearing impaired) ..... 289-8591  
Elder Abuse Hotline ..... 289-6874  
Cudahy Interfaith..... 483-4474  
Kelly Senior Center ..... 481-9611  
Elder Link Transportation ..... 289-6874  
Transit Plus ..... 343-1700

## AIRPORT – GENERAL MITCHELL

Website ..... [www.mitchellairport.com](http://www.mitchellairport.com)  
General Information..... 747-5300  
Noise Complaints ..... 747-4677  
Parking ..... 747-4580

## BETTY BRINN CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

General Information..... 390-5437

## BIRTH/DEATH CERTIFICATES

General Information..... 278-4002

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse

901 North Ninth Street – Room 201

Milwaukee, WI 53233

General Information..... 278-4222

## CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Child Support Enforcement ..... 278-5160  
Children's Court Center ..... 257-7700

## COUNTY CLERK

General Information..... 278-4067

## COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Courthouse

901 North Ninth St. – Room 306

Milwaukee, WI 53233

General Information..... 278-4211

## COURTS

General Information..... 278-5362  
Small Claims ..... 278-4140  
Civil Division ..... 278-4120  
Criminal Division ..... 278-4538

## DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

General Information..... 278-4646

## ELECTION COMMISSION

County..... 278-4060  
State..... 608-266-8005

## EMERGENCY

Emergency ..... 911  
Burn Center (24 hour)..... 272-2876  
Crisis TYY-TDD Hotline ..... 257-6300  
Emergency Management ..... 278-4709

Poison Center ..... 266-2222  
Suicide Prevention ..... 257-7222

## HANDICAPPED AND DISABLED

General Information..... 278-3932  
Adult Abuse/Disability Services ..... 289-6660

## HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

General Information..... 278-4894  
Rent Assistance..... 278-4894

## HUMAN SERVICES

Food Stamps – Title 19 ..... 289-6000

## JOBS HOTLINE

Milwaukee County ..... 278-5627

## JURY SERVICES

General Information..... 278-4468  
Reserved Juror Message..... 985-6000

## LICENSES

Marriage ..... 278-4070

**MAYOR RYAN MCCUE..... 769-2222**

## MENTAL HEALTH COMPLEX

General Information..... 257-6995  
Admitting..... 257-7260

## MILWAUKEE ART MUSEUM

General Information..... 224-3200

## MILWAUKEE PUBLIC MUSEUM

Website ..... [www.mpm.edu](http://www.mpm.edu)  
General Information..... 278-2702  
IMAX Theatre..... 319-4629

## MITCHELL PARK DOMES

General Information..... 649-9800

## PARKS

Cudahy Park ..... 762-1550  
Grant Park ..... 762-1550  
Greene Park..... 482-4270  
Pulaski – Cudahy..... 762-1550  
Sheridan Park..... 762-1550  
Warnimont Park ..... 762-1550

## POOLS

Grobschmidt Pool..... 762-9523  
(Behind South Milwaukee City Hall)  
Sheridan Pool ..... 747-9491

## REGISTER OF DEEDS

General Information..... 278-4011

## SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Website ..... [www.mksheriff.org](http://www.mksheriff.org)  
General Information..... 278-4700

## TRANSIT DEPARTMENT

Bus Routes/Schedules/Fares ..... 344-6711

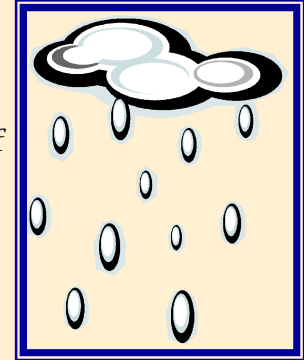
## ZOO, MILWAUKEE COUNTY

General Information 771-3040



## City of Cudahy Storm Water Initiative **STORMWATER POLLUTION**

A good portion of the City's storm water drains directly into Lake Michigan or tributaries to the Lake through a network of underground storm sewer pipes. Pollutants such as sediment, road salt, decomposed plant material and lawn chemicals are flushed into the storm sewer systems through snow melt or rain.



Two of the largest pollutants to Lake Michigan are road salt and sand. Each winter the City applies about 2000 tons of salt and sand to the City's streets. 2000 tons is equivalent to 50 large dump trucks full of material. For several years the City of Cudahy has been trying to increase its efforts in the management of pollutants that enter Lake Michigan by implementing a minimum road salt policy and an aggressive street sweeping practice during the winter months. The City's "minimum road salt de-icing" policy regulates the application of salt during winter weather conditions to reduce the amount of salt that enters adjacent waterways when the snow and ice melt. In addition, the City street-sweeps whenever possible during the winter months to pick up sand and other sediments before they get washed into the storm sewer from spring rainstorms. Street sweeping and a low road salt policy are one of the most feasible solutions to keeping the pollutants and dirt from entering the storm sewer system. City forces can't do it alone. Property owners can help in a number of ways.

The following websites provide information to property owners to reduce storm water pollution: <http://basineducation.uwex.edu>, [www.clean-water.uwex.edu/pubs](http://www.clean-water.uwex.edu/pubs), <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/runoff/outreach.htm>

## **STORMWATER RELIEF PROJECT**

The City of Cudahy will be undertaking a large storm water relief project on the northeast side of the City. The project involves the installation of a very large storm sewer pipe through Sheridan Park to relieve the flooding that occurs in the neighbor bounded by Lake Drive to Swift Avenue and from Squire to Armour. The construction should start around April 1 and will be completed approximately December 1<sup>st</sup>. The City is working cooperatively with the Milwaukee County Park's Department so that the park and the City may benefit from the project.

